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The Quincy Baptist Association held its nineteenth anniversary at Perry, Pike County, Ill., commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M., September 21st, 1861.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. J. C. Baker, of Rushville, from Gal. 6: 2.

The reading of the letters from the Churches was then commenced, and, after hearing that of the Perry Church, adjourned till 1 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Bro. Schofield.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1 o'clock, and, after prayer by Bro. Greenleaf, the reading of the letters was resumed.

The following table shows the statistics of the Churches, as collected from their letters:

CLERK AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.	Additions by			Diminutions by			Present number.
		Exp. & Bapt.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.	
J. S. King, *Perry, Pike Co.*	PERRY.							
	W. HAWKER,.....J Vertrees,.,....							
	C. HARRINGTON,.J. Birt, A.Shelly	1	.....	...	6	...	3	117
	BARRY.							
S. S. S. Spink, *Barry, Pike Co.*	J. Hart,,.....L. Angle,.....							
	D. Pike,,.....P. M. Parker,...							
	D. D. Hull,.....S. Hull,.....							
	W. McDaniel,...C. E. Mason.....	1	.....	...	7	14	3	145
W. H. Horton, *Littleton, Schuyler, Co.*	LITTLETON.							
	H. Reed,.....J. Wheat,.....							
	W. H. Horton,.....	.....	.....	...	6	...	...	94
H, Lynde, *Griggsville, Pike Co.*	GRIGGSVILLE.							
	B.B.CARPENTER, C. GREENLEAF,...							
	L. Eastman,.....H. Lynde,.....							
	R. Seaborn,.....W. Bro wn,.....							
	L. Butterfield,...E. B. Scholl,.....							
	Geo. Fuller,.....D. McLain,.....							
	L. B. Elledge,....B. Bates.....							
	J. Brakefield,.....	1	2	...	22	1	2	194
W. A. Thompson *Payson, Adams Co.*	PAYSON.							
	L. OSBORN,.....G. S. Lewis,.....							
	J. D. Collins.....J. Scott,.....							
	G. Kay,.....	1	1	1	2	4	...	128
J. B. Stowe, *Quincy, Adams Co.*	QUINCY, (1st Church.)							
	J. V. SCHOFIELD,.J. O. Graves,....							
	C. Mærtz,.....	22	18	...	1	...	2	142
E. P. Swan, *Rushville, Schuyler Co.*	RUSHVILLE.							
	J. C. BAKER,.....Wm. Owen,.....	.....	3	...	.....	3	...	33
M. W. Davis, *Mt. Sterling, Brown Co.*	MT. STERLING.							
	T. S. LOWE,.....S. Putman,.....							
	A. Moses,.....R. T. Bratten....	12	2	...	1	3	2	47
F. A. Benton, *Pittsfield. Pike Co.*	PITTSFIELD.							
	N. KINNE,.....N. Kinman,.....							
	W. Ballenger,...F. A. Benton,...							
	L. P. Kinman,...J. L. Edwards...							
	Wm. Rose,.....	2	.....	...	2	6	2	84
G. Miller, *Fairweather P. O. Adams Co.*	KINGSTON.							
	S. FUNK,.....R. Henderson,...							
	J. Links,.....J. Craig,.....							
	G. Miller,.....	.....	.....	...	2	1	2	110
W. W. Bernard, *Quincy, Adams Co.*	QUINCY, (Vermont Street,)							
	H. M. GALLAHER, H. WORDEN,.....							
	E.C.M.Burnham, J. Blansett,.....							
	C. M. Pomroy,...A. C. Skinner,...							
	J. C. Bernard,.....	7	7	...	6	2	1	86
J. P. Munday, *Warsaw, Hancock Co.*	WARSAW.							
	W. G. MOORE,...J. White.....	.....	6	...	12	14	1	73

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Wm. Stevens, *Pittman P. O. Adams, Co.*	LA PRAIRIE, M. Gibbs,.....A. J. Colwell,....	5	5	...	2	1	...	56
C. R. Gardener, *Sylva, Schuyler Co.*	GOODHOPE. J. Sargeant, ...D. Hoy.....	6	.....	4	8	1	...	36
J. S. Roberts, *Big Neck, Adams Co.*	BIG NECK. *T. M. Colwell,*.....	1	.....	...	4	...	...	21
D. Devol, *Kinderhook, Pike Co.*	KINDERHOOK. D. Hull,.....S. B. Gains..... S. Sprague,.....	1	.....	...	11	2	...	43
A. B. Tomlinson, *Camp Point, Adams Co.*	CAMP POINT. WM. STEWART,...I. B. Adams,..... *A. B. Tomlinson,*..... ...	3	5	..	1	4	...	52
S. W. Ogden, *New Salem P. O. Pike Co.*	BELMONT. J. BARROW,.....S. W. Ogden..... C. Bowman,.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	23
R. C. Williams, *Warsaw, Hancock Co.*	MT. VERNON. W. Parker,.....D. Gitchel,.....	19	3	...	5	2	...	61
J. B. Shohoney, *Liberty, Adams Co.*	PLEASANT VIEW, (Adams Co.) D. Culp,.....W. F. McRæ,..... J. S. McRæ,.....F. M. Barnard,.. J. B. Shohoney,.....	1	.....	...	4	4	...	80
V. Carter, *Tioga, Hancock Co.*	TIOGA. J. E. GORDON..... ...	14	1	...	10	4	1	36
John Fechter, *Quincy, Adams Co.*	QUINCY. (German Church,) J. C. DŒSCHER.....	2	2	...	.....	...	...	19
G. W. Rush, *Pleasant View, Schuyler Co.*	PLEASANT VIEW, (Schuyler Co.) G. W. Rush,.....J. W. Jones,..... G. Nall,.....A. Winchell,.....	39	8	...	.....	...	...	47
J. G. Davis, *Clayton, Adams Co.*	CENTERVILLE. No Delegates.....	1	1	...	4	...	1	44
J. S. Kimball, *Hamilton, Hancock Co.*	HAMILTON. No Delegates.....	.....	1	...	2	3	...	32
C. M. Tarr, *Stone's Prairie. Adams Co.*	HICKORY GROVE. No Delegates.....	.....	.....	...	2	1	...	18
	COLUMBUS. No Intelligence.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	14
	Total,.....	139	65	5	120	70	20	1835

Churches 27. Ordained Ministers 17, names in SMALL CAPS. Licentiates 3, names in *italics.*

Opportunity being given for the reception of Churches into this body, the Church at Pleasant View, Schuyler County, Ill., made application by letter and delegates, and was received. The hand of fellowship was then extended to the delegates, by the Moderator.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers. Brethren Schofield and B. B. Carpenter were appointed tellers. Bro. N. KINNE was elected *Moderator*, WM. STEWART, *Clerk*, and C. MÆRTZ, *Treasurer*.

The Rules of Order were read, and the delegation from Perry church were appointed as a committee on religious exercises.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats, and the following responded: S. M. Osgood, of Chicago, agent of the Missionary Union; Wm. Hobbs, of Mound City, Kansas; E. P. Scott, of Bluffville, Ill., and Revs. W. A. Hendrickson, of the First Presbyterian Church, and S. M. Osmond, of the O. S. Presbyterian Church, in Perry.

The following delegates from Corresponding Bodies reported themselves, and were invited to seats:

Salem Association—R. L. COLWELL, D. B. GUNN and A. N. Thompson.

Carrolton Association—J. ELLEGE, C. B. READ, and C. Wilson.

The following was adopted as a standing rule, to be annually printed in the Minutes:

Resolved, That any member of this body, attending any Association with which we correspond, is authorized to act as our Messenger to the same, on presenting a copy of the Minutes of the next preceding meeting of this body, containing his name; and we will receive corresponding Messengers in the same way.

Bro. S. M. Osgood was added to the committtee, which was appointed at our last annual meeting, to make report on the subject of Foreign Missions.

The committee on Domestic Missions, reported through Bro. Gunn. Report received.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows:

That Bro. READ, of Winchester, preach in the Baptist house this evening at 7 o'clock; and on the Sabbath, at 9 A M., a meeting be held for the purpose of free conference on the subject of Sabbath Schools. Preaching at 11 o'clock, by Bro. OSBORN; at 2, P. M., by Bro. OSGOOD; and, in the evening, by Bro. GALLAHER.

That Bro. SCHOFIELD preach in the N. S. Presbyterian house at 11 o'clock, A. M.; Bro. R. L. COLWELL at 2, P. M., and Bro. STEWART in the evening.

That Bro. BAKER preach in the O. S. Presbyterian house at 11 o'clock, A. M., and Bro. SCOTT at the same hour in the M. E. house.

That collections be taken, in the morning, at the Baptist house, and at the two Presbyterian houses, for Domestic Missions; and at the Baptist house, in the afternoon, for Foreign Missions.

WM. HAWKER, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Lowe.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., a sermon was preached by Bro. C. B. Read, of Winchester.

At 8 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The following committees were then announced by the chair, and confirmed by the body:

To Audit Treasurer's Account—C. M. Pomroy, J. S. Vertrees, D. Pike

On Next Session—B. B. Carpenter, G. Kay, H. Worden.

On Resolutions—L. Osborn, H. M. Gallaher, J. C. Baker.

To report at the next session:

On Foreign Missions—J. V. Schofield, C. M. Pomroy C. Harrington.

On Domestic Missions—J. C. Baker, H. Worden, W. G. Moore.

On Sabbath Schools—T. S. Lowe, P. M. Parker, W. Hawker.

The report of the committee on Domestic Missions was then taken up and read a second time. The resolutions embraced in the report were considered separately. The first was adopted, and, pending the discussion of the second, the Associatton adjourned, to meet on Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Gallaher.

On the Sabbath, services were held in the various houses of Worship, in accordance with the report of the committee on Religious Exercises. The collections for Domestic Missions amounted to $31,25, and for Foreign Missions $37,00.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 8 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Bro. C. Harrington. The consideration of the resolutions before the body at its adjournment was resumed. The second and third were adopted, and the remainder of the report referred back to the committee.

The Executive Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your committee held its first Quarterly Meeting at Mt. Sterling, in the latter part of November last, at which time they engaged Bro. T. S. Lowe, as a Missionary, at the rate of $400 per year.

There being no Baptist Minister in Brown County, he was located at Mt. Sterling, as the center of his field of operations, supplying Camp Point one-fourth of the time, until the first of July last, when Bro. Wm. Stewart returned to that place. One-half of his time has been spent at Mt. Sterling—the remainder at Camp Point and neighborhood of Mt. Sterling.

From report submitted, your Missionary has traveled about 800 miles—preached 90 sermons—conversed, personally, on the subject of religion, with 200 persons, and visited 40 families for religious conversation and prayer.

At our second Quarterly Meeting, in March, we succeeded in securing the services of Bro. W. G. Moore, to locate at Warsaw. But the churches having given no assurance that they would raise more than would pay Bro. Lowe, we could only say to Bro. Moore, "*go to work*," relying upon the churches for the necessary aid to sustain him in the field—as that point must be sustained. Bro. Moore entered his field early in April. As to his prospects we refer you to the letter of the Warsaw church, and to the brother himself, who is with us.

New fields are opening, and demanding aid from your committee. The German cause in Quincy calls for your liberal contributions and earnest prayers to sustain the pastor in the field.

Our finances stand thus:

Received of	Payson Church,	$76,00
"	First Church, Quincy,	20,00
"	Vermont Street Church, Quincy,	40,00
"	Mt. Sterling Church,	68,10
"	Camp Point Church,	3,00
"	Barry Church,	26,00
"	Griggsville Church,	25,00

Collected at Quarterly Meeting at Liberty,..... 5,00
" " Association,..... 60,80

$323,90

LIABILITIES.

Salary of T. S. Lowe,.....$250,00
" W. G. Moore,..... 125,00
Bro. Worden's Traveling expenses to Camp Point,..... 3,60

Total Liabilities,.....$378,60
Amount Received and Paid Out,..... 323,90

Balance due Missionaries,.....$54,70
In addition to the above Bro. Hawker contributed, in labor,..... 10,00

Respectfully Submitted,
J. C. BERNARD, *Chairman Executive Committee.*

Eleven o'clock, this A. M., was designated as the hour for the calling of the roll of delegates.

A collection was then taken to make up the balance due Bro. Moore. Amount collected $26,55, and $3,00 pledged.

A collection amounting to $14,00 was then taken for the relief of Bro. Dœscher, pastor of the German Baptist church in Quincy.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee. be requested to take the German Baptist interest in Quincy under their care, and do for it what in their judgment may be deemed proper.

The committee on Domestic Missions re-presented their report, which was adopted and ordered to be printed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

This Association embraces a territory 70 miles in length, by 50 miles in breadth, covering an area of 3,500 square miles. Here live about 70,000 inhabitants. Among all this population, on this extensive field, there are only 27 Baptist Churches, with a total membership of 1886—an average number of 69 members to each church. Only one church to every 120 square miles—and only one Baptist church to 2,600 inhabitants.

There is no Baptist church in one half of the cities, towns and villages, to say nothing of all the many districts. Nearly all of the existing churches *are*, or have it within their power to be, self-sustaining. *Every one* can do quite a portion towards sustaining a pastor, and keeping its own interests alive.

The churches are our only hope for the prosecution of the Mission work; being the only Missionry organizations recognized in the scriptures. Then it does seem that the *first, best* and *only* way to permanently advance the kingdom of Christ, is *by* and *through* the church. Such was the opinion and practice of the primitive christians.

Our own observation, as well as scripture precept, convinces us that little is gained to the cause of Christ, or to the denomination, by merely surveying or once mowing over a field, if there is not left on it an instrument suited to the purpose, and somebody to wield and direct it, to the continued cultivation of the field, but with these there is very much gained to both.

Within the bounds of this Association there are more than twenty destitute fields already inviting the formation of Baptist churches; besides, and by no means least important, a few feeble churches, which seem doomed to decline, and perhaps death, without some aid in supporting the ministry, or perhaps only something done to correct their ideas of sustaining the gospel—to energize them, and to awaken within them a knowledge of their already possessed ability, and a willingness to improve their powers for spiritual growth and enduring fruitful life.

But to appropriate a few days or a few weeks labor, to each or any of these fields, and organize churches, or raise up some interest, and then turn them loose to the world, and leave them to die, would only prove disastrous to the all important cause we are endeavoring to advance. Thus the labor and means appropriated would prove a total loss, as is too often the case where public charities are bestowed upon the able and unworthy, or churches already existing and possessing the powers of growing life.

The churches of this Association are the only channels through which to prosecute our Domestic Mission work. They have it in their power to do it—they must do it, as far as it is done at all. Then we appreciate the necessity of having *more* churches—*abler* churches—and, above all, *very benevolent* churches. We have some such, but how shall more be secured? The answer is obvious: Put suitable men into the most important and inviting fields, and appropriate funds to their support, sufficient to enable them to *live* there, *devoting* themselves to their calling—the interest of Zion where they are, and there, first and last, and all of the time, *inculcate* and *enforce* the gospel principles, and practice of enlarged benevolence.

In that way we will have not an increase of churches merely—not a host of bedwarfed churches, panting all the time for dear life, and begging at your door, year by year, for a little help to breathe, but churches *able* themselves to live, and willing to assist others to live; and thus our funds, lent to the Lord, would be returned with large usury.

The raising of the funds will be the only difficulty. But the members of the churches have them, and can afford to give them to the Lord. Only lead them to feel that they can do it, and it will be done.

This work can be best done by the pastors, among whom we have some well fitted for it. Let them undertake it with a will, and not cease from it while more on their fields can be accomplished towards the prosecution of the holy cause. If any of them cannot or will not, let them, by exchanges, provide those who are ready to do it, or call to it some member of their charge who is blessed with a gift to perfect it.

1. *Resolved*, That the direction of the Domestic Mission work be assigned to an Executive Mission Board, consisting of five members of our churches, whose duty it shall be to call upon the churches for funds, and, as far as the means will allow, appoint Missionaries upon the most promising fields within our bounds, and where the cause cannot be sustained without assistance, and take such steps, relative thereto, as they shall deem proper.

2. *Resolved*, That the churches are hereby affectionately reminded of the importance of furnishing means to sustain Domestic Missions, and urgently requested to contribute freely, and forward funds to the Executive Board, as it shall require.

3. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Missionaries employed, to use all possible diligence in raising means upon their respective fields, for their own support, and minute the same in full quarterly reports of their labors and success, to the Missionary Board.

3. *Resolved*, That the Missionary Board require of all local Missionaries to raise a definite sum, on their respective fields, before making any appropriation.

4. *Resolved*, That the demand for a house of worship, in the location of every church, should be felt by this body, and every effort be made, in connection with the Mission work, to secure one.

D. B. GUNN, *Chairman.*

The committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee on Foreign Missions would submit the following Preamble and Resolutions for the adoption of the Association:

Whereas, By the recent intelligence from our Missions in foreign lands, it is evident that they are enjoying unusual prosperity, with prospects of great and speedy enlargement, while on the other hand the depression of the commercial interests of this country indicate great difficulty in meeting the pecuniary necessities of those Missions.

Resolved, That we recognize in these facts, a clear indication that the God of Missions is about to test the fidelity of his children as never before; and that it is our privilege, as well as duty, to meet the emergency in the spirit of our divine Lord, who, though he was rich, for our sakes became poor, that we, through his poverty, might be rich.

Resolved, That we, as the ministers and messengers of the churches, are deeply impressed with the importance of fully sustaining our Missions in this time of trial, and that we will use our best endeavors, in the churches with which we are connected, to have liberal collections made for this object, which shall, as far as practicable, represent each of the members in the church—and that we will, also, endeavor to have such collections *annually* made for this great and important work.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. OSGOOD, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted.

Brethren Schofield, Greenleaf and Lynde, were appointed as a committee to nominate an Executive Board for the coming year.

The committee on Sabbath Schools presented their report. Pending the discussion, the time having arrived for the calling of the roll, the report was laid on the table.

After the calling of the roll, the committee appointed to nominate an Executive Board, reported the names of J. C. Bernard, C. Mærtz, G. Kay, P. M. Parker and C. Greenleaf, who were elected.

Adjourned. Prayer by Bro. Scott.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 o'clock, P. M., the Association met. Prayer by Bro. Hawker.

The committee on the next session reported, recommending that our next anniversary be held with the Vermont Street Church, in Quincy; that Bro. Hawker preach the introductory sermon, and that Bro. Lowe be the alternate. Adopted.

The committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts reported that they find the same correct.

The committee on Resolutions presented the following, which were adopted separately:

1. *Resolved*, That we sympathize with the United States' government in its efforts to put down rebellion—approve of its action, in appointing a day of fasting and prayer, and earnestly recommend the faithful observance of the same.

2. *Resolved*, That we regard it as the prerogative of the Lord to call men to the work of the gospel ministry, and the duty of the church to pray him to do so, and to assist, in gaining the necessary educational qualifications, those who give evidence of being thus called.

3. *Resolved*, That we tender our hearty thanks to the church and community of Perry, for their hospitality in accommodating the Association.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. C. Harrington, and adopted by the body:

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Association, experience and baptism are the scriptural prerequisites for membership in our churches, and that we do not deem it scriptural to designate the reception of members in any other way.

The report of the committee on Sabbath Schools was then taken up and adopted. It was then voted that said report be not printed, exeept the resolutions, which are as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to hold an annual Sabbath School Convention in this Association.

2. *Resolved*, That the superintendents, teachers and friends, of the Sabbath Schools in this Association, be requested to meet in convention with the Pleasant View Church, near Liberty, in Adams County, on the 5th day of June, 1862.

The committee of last year, consisting of one from each church, to collect funds for Domestic Missions, was re-appointed, with instructions to the churches to fill any vacancies that may occur.

The Treasurer presented his report which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAS. O. GRAVES, *Treasurer*, in account with the
QUINCY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, Sept. 1861.

DR.		CR.	
Amer. & For. Bible Society,...	$ 5 05	Amer. & For. Bible Society,...	$ 5 05
Missionary Union,.....	23 00	Missionary Union,.....	23 00
Domestic Missions,.....	57 80	Domestic Missions,.....	57 80
Printing Minutes,.....	38 10	Printing Minutes,.....	38 10
Association,.....	6 00	Association,.....	6 00
	$129 95		$129 95

JAS. O. GRAVES, *Treasurer.*

The church at Browning having become extinct, it was voted that its name be stricken from the list, in our minutes.

The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and five dollars appropriated to pay him for his services. It was also ordered that the minutes be distributed to the churches in proportion to their membership.

A collection, amounting to $2,75 was taken, to increase the fund for printing minutes.

The minutes were read and corrected. The Association adjourned, to meet with the Vermont Street Baptist Church, in Quincy, on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in September, A. D., 1862, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Bro. Stewart.

N. KINNE, *Moderator.*

WM. STEWART, *Clerk.*

CONTRIBUTIONS AND SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.*

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Colleges.	A. & F. B. Society.	Bible Union.	Education Purposes.	Miscellaneous Objects.	Minutes.	Sabbath S. Scholars.	Teachers.	Vols. in Library.
Perry,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Barry,	.....	26 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	67	12	.....
Littleton,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60	.....	.....	.....
Griggsville,	56 53	25 10	.....	.....	.....	201 30	.....	3 00	120	15	450
Payson,	35 25	76 00	.....	5 50	15 00	72 00	.....	2 50	75	12	250
Quincy First Church,	19 35	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00	3 00	134	18	400
Rushville,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Sterling,	.....	68 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60	.....	.....	.....
Pittsfield,	5 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 50	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Kingston,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Quincy, Vermont St. Church,	31 00	40 00	1410 00	.....	.....	100 00	.....	2 50	150	19	300
Warsaw,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	54	9	150
La Prairie,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....
Big Neck,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60	.....	.....	.....
Kinderhook,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Camp Point,	1 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	40	8	200
Belmont,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Vernon,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant View, Adams Co.,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Tioga,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	48	8	120
Quincy, German Church,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	6	.....
Centerville,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant View, Schuyler Co.,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	6	75
Hamilton,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....
Goodhope,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Total,	149 88	298 10	1410 00	5 50	15 00	373 30	29 50	33 95	748	113	1945

*This table is very imperfect for want of full reports.

OFFICERS FOR 1861.

N. KINNE, *Moderator*, Pittsfield.

WM. STEWART, *Clerk*, Camp Point.

C. MÆRTZ, *Treasurer*, Quincy.

J. C. BERNARD, *Cor. Secretary*, Quincy,

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

QUINCY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Adopted August, 1843, and as Subsequently Amended.

ARTICLE I. *Sec.* 1.—This Association shall be known as the QUINCY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION of Illinois, and shall be composed of delegates only, who shall be members of the churches which they represent, excepting such brethren as shall be invited to a seat by the consent of the body.

Sec. 2.—Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, with an additional delegate for every twenty members.

ARTICLE II.—The *object* of this Association shall be to promote union and harmony among the churches, and to devise and recommend such measures as are thought best calculated to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom in the bounds of this Association, and throughout the world.

ARTICLE III. *Sec.* 1.—The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Permanent Clerk, Temporary Clerk, and Treasurer.

Sec. 2.—The Moderator shall preside and lead in all the transactions of the body, and see that order and decorum are observed by every member.

Sec. 3.—The Permanent Clerk shall take charge of all the records and papers of the body, and conduct its correspondence.

Sec. 4.—The Temporary Clerk shall keep a fair and impartial record of all the business transacted during the session.

Sec. 5.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Association, keep an accurate account of the same, and the object for which they are designated, pay them out accordingly, and report the state of the Treasury before the close of each session.

Sec, 6.—The officers shall be chosen annually, by ballot, and shall continue in office until the enrollment of members at the succeeding session

of the body, excepting the Permanent Clerk, who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the body.

Sec. 7.—In all elections, under this Constitution, a majority of all the votes cast, shall be deemed necessary to a choice.

Article IV.—It shall be the duty of the churches to send with their letters and delegates to the Association, an account of the state of their respective churches, particularly of the *additions* and *diminutions* within the year, and generally of whatever relates to their peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also be the duty of the churches to forward money with their letters for printing the annual minutes.

Article V.—Churches, who wish to be received into this Union, may apply by letter and delegates; and, giving satisfactory information of their being sound in faith, and correct in practice, they may be received; and, as a token of the same, the Moderator shall give their delegates the right.hand of fellowship, in behalf of the Association.

Article VI.—As an associated body, we *utterly disclaim* all or any power over the churches, in respect either to their independence or discipline; yet whenever one church in this body shall bring complaint against another belonging to it, as being unsound in doctrine, or incorrect in practice, (if thought expedient,) the Association shall appoint a committee, who shall request a conference with said church, in order to obtain satisfaction on the subject of complaint, and the result shall be reported to the next meeting of the Association, which shall then decide on the propriety of continuing a connection with said church, as duty may require.

Article VII.—This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other Associations, and with any religious body they may think proper.

Article VIII.—This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the body, by a concurring vote of two-thirds of the members.

Article IX.—This Association shall meet annually, (at a place previously determined upon,) on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in September, when a sermon shall be preached by such brother as the body shall have appointed.

Article X.—Each church and member of this Association shall be left free to act according to their views of duty on the subject of Missions, Bible Societies, Sunday Schools, Temperance measures, &c., and the supporting or not supporting of these, shall be no barrier to fellowship.

SUMMARY OF FAITH.

The Association thinks the following sentiments, (among many others) are revealed in the Holy Scriptmres, viz: The self existance of one infinite and holy God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one; the eternal and essential Deity of Christ; the entire depravity of the human heart; the perfect purity and unalterable obligation of the divine law, which requires love to God, and corresponding affection towards mankind; the necessity of a clean heart, or the new birth, effected by the Divine Spirit as the agent, and the word of God as the means; the duty of every sinner who hears the gospel to repent, and believe in Christ, and that a wicked heart, in which consists his helplessness, is no excuse; the free pardon and justification of every believer in Christ through the redemption in him; the perseverance of the saints; the duty of every believer to be baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; the strict and entire independence of each church; the duty of every believer to conform to all the laws of Christ; our obligation to observe the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath; the resurrection of the dead; the final judgement, with the eternal punishment of the wicked, and salvation of the righteous.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. At every sitting, business shall be opened and concluded with prayer, under the direction of the Moderator.

2. No member of the Association shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

3. No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

4. No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same motion, unless by permission of the Association.

5. Ministers and visiting brethren, invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects, but vote on none.

6. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded in the minutes, except so ordered at the time.

7. If any proposition or motion under discussion contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each separately.

8. Arrangements for the next session of the Association shall not be made the first day of the session.

9. On the morning of the second day, the roll of delegates commissioned by the churches shall be called, and the names of those not present shall be erased.

10. The minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the rising of the Association.

11. The Moderator may speak on any question, provided he calls some member to fill the chair during the time.

12. Any person about to speak shall rise and address the Moderator, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under consideration.

13. These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization.

14. The enrollment of delegates shall take place after the introductory sermon has been preached, and the letters from the churches have been read.